

**MINUTES OF THE**  
**SANTA FE COUNTY**  
**WATER POLICY ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**January 17, 2019**

**Santa Fe, New Mexico**

**I.** This Santa Fe County Water Policy Advisory Committee (WPAC) meeting was called to order at approximately 5:00 p.m. by Steve Rudnick on the above-cited date at the Santa Fe County Projects Complex, 901 W. Alameda, Santa Fe, New Mexico.

**II.** A quorum was established with the following members present:

**Members Present:**

Steve Rudnick, District 5  
Ken Kirk, District 2  
Bryan Romero, District 1  
Shann Stringer, Soil & Water Conservation

**Member(s) Absent:**

JC Helms, BDD Board

**Staff:**

Jerry Schoeppner, Utilities Department  
John Dupuis, Utilities Department  
Anjali Bean, Utilities Department

**Other(s) Present:**

Anna Hamilton, Commissioner  
Mary Helen Follingstad [Pending reappointment]

**III. Approval of Agenda**

Item VIII. D. "Discussion of Draft Water Utility Master Plan" was removed.

Mr. Kirk moved approval as amended and Mr. Romero seconded. The motion passed without opposition.

**IV. Approval of Minutes: December 13, 2018**

Mr. Romero moved to approve as submitted. Mr. Kirk seconded and the motion passed without opposition.

V. **Introduction of WPAC members, staff and guests** - Deemed unnecessary

VI. **Matters from the Public** - None were offered

VII. **Action Items**

A. **Election of Chair and Vice Chair**

Mr. Kirk nominated Mary Helen Follingstad to serve as Chair and Steve Rudnick to serve as Vice Chair. It was noted that the nomination was contingent on Ms. Follingstad's reappointment. The nominations were supported by unanimous voice vote.

VIII. **Discussion Items**

A. **Discussion of 2019 work plan and meeting calendar**

Staff's draft work plan was presented as a table to mirror the County's standard format for work plans and WPAC's draft was created to inform the BCC of what WPAC thinks is appropriate to focus on. The following points were mentioned:

- SLDC and Aamodt settlement lack alignments: included but not limited to: .25 afy in SLDC and .50 afy in settlement; slope requirement to site tank
- Consider new overlay district to address Aamodt service area
- Work with the Utilities to ensure criteria are met for acquiring water systems and remove management component. Necessary capital improvements could be forwarded to the Water Trust Board. Emphasis should be on not looking backwards on systems that have already been taken over by the County
- Work with the Utilities to develop recommendations on long-term management, re: water systems
- Increase the task/topic column by adding more information
- Expand County's base for making decisions: make recommendations for an outreach program to develop common easements with code and ditch associations, etc. overlapping circles with acequia association, OSE, etc. [Separate from Aamodt]
- Resolve SLDC conflict regarding setbacks with Acequia Association [While it applies to the NPT it encompasses the County]
- Develop incentives for residents to connect to the RWS. Staff to present to residents
- Continue to develop plan and ordinance on County drought management
- Quill (#7) was consolidated in Staff's table and will be kept within the plan

WPAC to serve as third party - report back to the Utility with information. WPAC and Utilities do not have to agree – differences need to be recognized.

Mr. Springer moved to approve the work plan with the modifications. Mr. Kirk seconded and that motion passed without opposition.

Staff offered to email the work plan to the members for further review before forwarding it to the BCC. It was noted that the plan can be amended following the BCC's acceptance.

**B. Discussion of the Drought Management Plan Draft Ordinance**

Mr. Romero said one of the main intentions of the ordinance was to ensure the County could declare an emergency.

- The term “customer” requires definition
- Coordinating with the City was recommended for inclusion in the ordinance
- “Restrictions” require additional quantification
- It would be beneficial for WPAC to work with the City in its revision of Chapter 25

It was noted that the draft before the WPAC was not the draft that Mr. Romero developed.

With consensus, the ordinance was tabled.

**C. Discussion of Revisions to the WPAC Resolution**

Aside from bringing one’s expertise, Commissioner Hamilton pointed out that serving on WPAC includes more.

Mr. Stringer noted that developing a series of bullet points on a topic will suffice and the report writing of the former WPAC chair was not necessary.

The notion of viewing the resolution through the BCC’s perspective was suggested.

The WPAC composition was reviewed (6 a-h) and it was determined it may be too restrictive to retain and recruit membership.

**E. Joint City-County meeting on future cooperation and coordination**  
**1. Next steps – outline of topics; schedule of meetings**

Commissioner Hamilton said she has been working with City Councilor Romero Wirth on developing an agenda that will benefit both entities.

The next joint meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, February 5<sup>th</sup> at the County Chambers.

Mr. Kirk, who also serves as a member of the City’s Water Conservation Committee, said at the last meeting they discussed the five-year water plan.

Mr. Springer noted that last year’s regionalization bill that came before the legislature did not pass.

**IX. Matters from the Committee**

None were mentioned.

**X. Matters from County Staff**  
**A. Update on Aamodt Regional Water System**

Ms. Bean said progress came to a halt as a result of the government shutdown.

**B. Update on Community Systems**

Hyde Park Estate had some additional comments on the contract that are being addressed and appear to be reasonable comments.

**C. Status of Member Vacancies**

Mr. Kirk mentioned that University of Nebraska Professor Mohamed Dahab may be available to serve on the committee.

Mr. Springer said Jose Varela Lopez suggested his son could participate on WPAC.

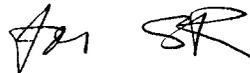
**XI. Adjournment**

Having completed the agenda, the meeting adjourned at approximately 6:55 p.m.

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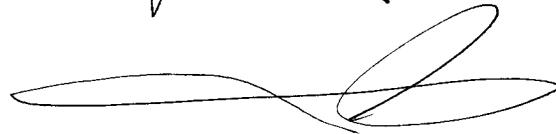


Steve Rudnick, Vice Chair



Respectfully submitted by:

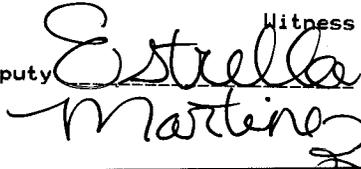
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